

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-487 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, PA

On September 18, 1997, Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc. (PSRR), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Conifer Branch, extending from milepost 0.00 (milepost 24.29 on the main line of the Shawmut Subdivision), located south of Norman, PA, to milepost 5.08, located at or near Conifer, PA, which traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code 15825, a distance of 5.08 miles, in Jefferson County, PA. The line includes the stations of Stanton, located at milepost 0.04; McGareys, located at milepost 0.06; Conifer, located at milepost 0.08; and End Conifer, located at milepost 0.10.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 6, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 28, 1997. Each trail use request must be accompanied

by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-487 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Sebastian Ferrer, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: October 1, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-487 (Sub-No. 4X)]

Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Armstrong County, PA

On September 18, 1997, Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc., filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Widnoon Branch, extending from railroad milepost 0.00 (milepost 60.42 on the mainline of the Shawmut Subdivision), located at or near Dee, PA, to milepost 3.14, located at or near Widnoon, PA, which traverses U.S.

Postal Service ZIP Codes 16261 and 16259, a distance of 3.14 miles, in Armstrong County, PA. The line includes the station of Widnoon at milepost 0.03.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The interest of railroad employees will be protected by *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 6, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 28, 1997. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-487 (Sub-No. 4X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Sebastian Ferrer, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS).

EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: September 30, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-487 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc.; Abandonment Exemption; in Jefferson County, PA

On September 18, 1997, Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, Inc. (PSRR), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon its line of railroad known as the Brockway to Brookville Branch, extending from railroad milepost 2.0 located at or near Brockway to milepost 19.0 located at or near Brookville, a distance of 17.0 miles, in Jefferson County, PA. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 15824, 15825 and 15851, and includes the stations of Beechton, milepost 6; Sugar Hill, milepost 7; Reitz, milepost 9; and Allens Mills, milepost 10.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in PSRR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 6, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$900 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any

request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 28, 1997. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-487 (Sub-No. 1X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Eric M. Hocky and Sebastian Ferrer, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P. O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: September 29, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Performance Review Board; Appointment of Members

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service,
Department of the Treasury

ACTION: General Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the appointment of the members of the United States Customs Service Performance Review Boards (PRB's) in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4313(c)(4).

The purpose of the PRB's is to review senior executives' performance appraisals and make recommendations regarding performance appraisals and performance awards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert M. Smith, Personnel Director,
Office of Human Resources
Management, United States Customs
Service, 1301 Constitution Avenue,
N.W., (Gelman Building, Room 6100),
Washington, D.C. 20229; Telephone
(202) 634-5270.

Background

There are two (2) PRB's in the U.S. Customs Service.

Performance Review Board 1

The purpose of this Board is to review the performance appraisals of senior executives rated by the Acting Commissioner of Customs. The members are:

W. Ralph Basham, Assistant Director,
Office of Administration, U.S. Secret
Service
Elisabeth A. Bresee, Deputy Assistant
Secretary (Enforcement), Department
of the Treasury
John C. Doohar, Director, Washington
Center, Federal Law Enforcement
Training Center General Office
Mitchell A. Levine, Assistant
Commissioner, Management and
Chief Financial Officer, Financial
Management Service
Jane L. Sullivan, Director, Information
Resources Management, Department
of the Treasury

Performance Review Board 2

The purpose of this Board is to review the performance appraisals of all senior executives *except* those rated by the Acting Commissioner of Customs. All are Assistant Commissioners of the U.S. Customs Service. The members are:

Assistant Commissioners

Douglas M. Browning, Office of
International Affairs
Vincette L. Goerl, Office of Finance
Edward F. Kwas, Office of Information
& Technology
Stuart P. Seidel, Office of Regulations
and Rulings
Deborah J. Spero, Office of Human
Resources Management
Bonni G. Tischler, Office of
Investigations
Robert S. Trotter, Office of Field
Operations
Homer J. Williams, Office of Internal
Affairs
Charles W. Winwood, Office of Strategic
Trade